

5 an elastic member interposed radially between the
6 joint member and the hollow shaft member to flex and deform
7 upon relative rotation between the joint member and the
8 hollow shaft member;

9 stopper portions provided, respectively, on the joint
10 member and the hollow shaft member to restrict the relative
11 rotation therebetween within a predetermined amount; and

12 the stopper portions provided on said joint member
13 each including a pair of stopper faces spaced from each
14 other in a peripheral direction to form a gap therebetween,

15 the stopper portions provided on said hollow shaft
16 member each being radially outwardly projected into said
17 gap formed between said stopper faces of the corresponding
18 stopper portion provided on said joint member,

19 said stopper portions on said hollow shaft member
20 being formed by plastically processing an end of the hollow
21 shaft member to be projected radially outwardly, and

22 the stopper portions on said hollow shaft member
23 being provided with ribs for reinforcement.

1 5. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a coupling
2 element which is formed by interposing between a joint
3 member and a hollow shaft member an elastic member for

4 flexing and deforming upon a relative rotation between
5 these members and forming stopper portions for
6 restricting the relative rotation within a predetermined
7 amount respectively on the joint member and the hollow
8 shaft member, comprising the step of:

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(wadd) 9 forming each of the stopper portions on said hollow
10 shaft member into the shape of a flange while applying a
11 pressing force in the axial direction onto
12 said hollow shaft member.

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1 6. (Amended) An elastic shaft coupling according
2 to Claim 2, wherein the outer diameter of each said
3 stopper portion on said hollow shaft member is formed
4 smaller than the outer diameter of the corresponding
5 stopper portion on said joint member.

Please add the following claims:

1 8. (New) An elastic shaft coupling according to
2 Claim 2, wherein said pipe is of a low carbon steel.

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1 9. (New) A method according to Claim 5, wherein said
2 hollow shaft member is formed of a low carbon steel pipe
